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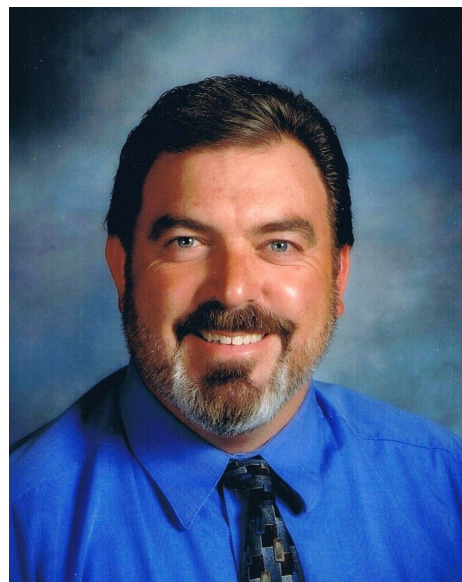
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YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Everyone,

New members, long time members, also those who we haven't seen for a while please come and join the fun. From the great comments about the February meeting it seems that we all had a great time getting more acquainted. I would like to thank the club officers for bringing their personal collections and sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with club members. This type of meeting will definitely be planned again in the future.

I would also like to thank Don Swain for conducting the display and voting of our 2009 club medal selection. Big thanks to everyone who brought an entry this year. They were great! We have never had so many entries to choose from before. A congratulation goes out to Johnny Gallegos for his design of the six guns being chosen for our 2009



medal.

It's moving time! Yes we are moving the location of our meetings to the Columbus Community Center at 2531 S. 400 E. Room 105. There will be a lot more room, with much better service than the previous location.

This month's speaker will be Mike Capps with the Mojave Underground, (see Johnny's Intro). With all of us having a strong
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Our guest speaker for March is Mike Capps

from the Mojave Underground will be coming to speak about his group of explorers and what they are doing to preserve our ghost towns and our rights to access these areas. Here is a brief description of the Mojave Underground and Mike Capps

Mike Capps has been exploring abandoned mines since he was 12. He and his friend Stuart Burgess are founders of Mojave Underground Utah, a group devoted to the joys of finding and exploring abandoned mines and preserving their history. Mike and the Mojave Underground group have explored more than 300 locations throughout the Western United states. No one knows exactly how many abandoned mines exist. There are tens of thousands in Utah and hundreds of thousands across the U.S.. New mines are being discovered every day, some by accident, most by adventures who hunt them out.

A special preservation project for Mike, is the Ophir Hill Mine. A private silver mine located right in the middle of Ophir Utah. The Ophir Hill Mine began producing silver in 1865. Before it shut down 106 years later, it had produced close to 11 million troy ounces of high-grade silver. A mile into the Ophir Hill Mine and 2000 feet below ground, the tunnel widens into a hall of wonders, there are dog-tooth spars, translucent crystals as big as lipsticks. Sections of the wall are aqua blue, colored by dripping water that contains copper and calcite. There are deposits of galena (silver and lead, mixed in a brilliant shiny Grey) and buttery-hued copper pyrite. Numerous treasures have been found while exploring the mine, including underground deep-blue lakes, old newspapers from WWII, tobacco tins, empty powder kegs and sticks of dynamite. Literally, the writing is on the walls and ceilings. Using carbide lamps the minors made their presence know by writing their names, dates and even how many loads of ore they moved that day in the mine..

The Government's position, however, is that all abandoned mines and the towns that are either near or next to them are potentially lethal, and its solution is to bar the entrances and accesses to these locations. Some openings are sealed with concrete. Shafts sometimes are back-filled with the mines own tailings. Explorers and preservationists view such solutions as tantamount to paving over Civil War battle fields because someone might stumble, and fall down a shaft and never be found. The Mojave Underground Group is trying to get mines and their related structures added to the National Register of Historic Places. They also see a chance to protect abandoned mines and towns by protecting species, some endangered, that inhabit these locations.

Raffle Prizes for March

1976 Japanese Mint set

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1/10 OZ GOLD PANDA

MEETING DATES FOR 2009

*January 22 * February 26 * March 26 * April 23 * May 28 * June 15 July 23 * August 27 * September 24 *October 22 *November 19 *December 17 Christmas Party

We will also have "Find of the Month" in March through November (excluding August) **Note** that you may only submit original "finds" since the previous N.U.T.S. meeting (normally 30 days.)

One of our own club members
7 year old Leighton Helmstetler's
Homework assignment

I CAN BUY THINGS

I CAN ROLL

SOMETIMES I AM MADE OF COPPER

I AM SHINEY

I CAN MAKE PEOPLE RICH I AM A CENT

I AM A CENT

WHAT AM I

A COIN

HIGHLIGHTED MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Wayne Erickson

Wayne is one of our Wagon Masters along with his wife, and we couldn't live without them. Wayne has been a member for 8 years, owns a Campus metal detector, and has been detecting for 15 years. Wayne's other hobbies are Coin Collecting, Golf and Camping. He also collects Baseball Cards and his favorite token is Utah State Prison Tokens.

PROMPTNESS PRIZE IS
DRAWN AT 7:00 pm SHARP

A SPECIAL AWARD IS GIVEN
TO EACH MEMBER WHO HAS
100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE
YEAR. THE AWARD FOR 2008
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\$ A GOLD PIECE \$
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from January to January each
year. If you haven't renewed
your memberships please do so
soon. We can help you at the
meeting or by mail. Thanks
Kris Moyes**

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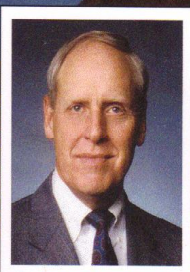
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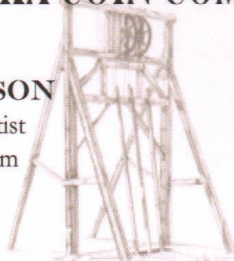
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Editors Note. I sent Justin a copy of our Newsletter last month and an invitation to speak to a combined meeting of the three Coin Clubs I am familiar with. NUTS, UNS and Ogden Coin Club. If you like Justin's work or have any questions his EMAIL address is at the bottom of his letter.

With the help of Bob Campbell we may have another really famous and interesting speaker for the three clubs real soon.

Dear Kris Moyes,

I was surprised and grateful to receive your letter and newsletter in the mail last week. Thank you for the kind compliments and for sharing your enthusiasm for coins and history. If I'm not mistaken, Maurine McLean is the sister of my grandmother, Laura Jackson Kunz, married to Kenneth K. Kunz. They are in their late 80's now and still living on Yale Avenue, keeping track of all the events in the lives of a big family. We lived in Sandy until 2006, when I took a job in Orange County and we moved here.

It has been a dream come true for me—one of several fulfilled so far in my life—to be given the privilege of designing coins and medals for the U.S. Mint these last five years. I never expected to have my work selected for the Lincoln Commemorative, or Jackson's First Spouse for that matter. But I will say it was very gratifying after years of attempts and near misses. I have had designs that became finalists for the 2006 nickel reverse (a new view of Monticello) and the Utah State Quarter (winter sports / snowboarding), but were not ultimately selected. Art is a subjective thing, but often-times the decisions have been based more on historical or political factors than artistic quality anyway. I always just tried to do the best I could and not worry about the committees' decisions.

I was actually happy just to have my contract renewed by the Mint so many years in a row. I am not in the Artistic Infusion Program this year, but I was given an open invitation to reapply when I have more flexibility in my schedule. Unfortunately I have had to turn down half or more of the assignments they have given me over the last two years because I am pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Painting on a part-time basis—while working full-time and raising a family—which leaves almost no time for freelance work.

But the people at the Mint have been phenomenally gracious and professional as I have worked with them all this time. I have learned so much more than I ever expected as they patiently schooled me in the numismatic arts of drawing and design, and gave me generous and much-needed encouragement at times when I thought it was too difficult or that maybe I just wasn't cut out for coin design. I'll never forget those experiences working on the different designs, meeting with the other artists and Mint employees every spring in Philadelphia or Washington, seeing the whole production process and marveling at the quality of artistry, craftsmanship, and attention to detail. It has been an exciting education in American History as well, researching each new project and finding out more about people like Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, and places like Monticello, Jamestown, Colorado, Utah, and Hawaii. I hope to have the chance to do it again someday.

As soon as I can find the time—hopefully this summer—I plan to redesign my web site with a separate section dedicated to my adventures in coin design. I'll need permission from the Mint to post the designs online because they still own the rights, but there's a lot of work I'm really happy with even if it never was ultimately struck in metal, and I want to share it.

Thank you also for your invitation. My parents and grandparents live in Salt Lake Valley and we visit them at least once a year at Christmas time. We keep hoping we'll have time to make a summer trip, maybe over Independence Day holiday, so I'll let you know if we can do it this year. Maybe I can get permission to do a slide presentation of all the designs I have submitted over the years and talk about the things I experienced in the program. It would be great just to attend the coin club, meet the people, and see some of your collections. I'm new at coin collecting, but it is pretty addicting and I always love to learn more. :)

Best Regards,

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ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE (AMAZINGLY TRUE)

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT WHIPPLE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone e. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
- 4.. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad.. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves' ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this..)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks. Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your let, if it has been stolen:

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Effort To Pass Antique \$1,000 Bill Leads Alabama Police To Nab Michigan Safe-theft Suspects

TEXAS TOWNSHIP, Mich., Feb. 25, 2009

(AP) Authorities say an antique \$1,000 bill proved the downfall of three teenagers on the run in Michigan.

The Kalamazoo County sheriff's department says the trio stole a safe containing antique money from one of the youth's parents.

The Kalamazoo Gazette and the Birmingham News say they drove a stolen van to Birmingham, Ala., where an 18-year-old tried to exchange the \$1,000 bill Thursday at a Service First Bank branch.

The U.S. Treasury stopped printing \$1,000 bills in 1945, so the bank called police. Officers arrested the teen and two 15-year-old companions.

They remained in custody Tuesday in Birmingham awaiting return to Michigan. They're from Texas Township, about 135 miles west of Detroit.

NUTS Club Medal Design For 2009



The NUTS Club Medal was designed by Johnny Gallegos our own Web Master. Congratulation on a great design.

